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Communist China - Requirement.

Background

Various commercial carriers are known to transport mail from post office to post office in Communist China. It is believed that these carriers are railroads, airlines, inland water shipping, coastal shipping, and ocean shipping. The postal service is under the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications whereas, the various carriers are controlled by other ministries. It is not known if agreements between the various ministries controlling commercial carriers and the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications include reimbursement for the transport of mail or even if agreements have been made. (SECRET)

Requirement

1. What agreements or contracts are there between the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and the ministries controlling commercial carriers?
2. What reimbursement is there by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to the various ministries controlling commercial carriers?
3. How is reimbursement determined? by weight? by time period? by number of trips?, etc.
4. What is the method of reimbursement? by transfer of funds? free telecommunication and/or postal service?, etc.
5. How often are accounts settled?

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